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CHERRY CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES JURIED ARTISTS FOR 2016

DENVER, CO – January 15, 2016: The Cherry Creek Arts Festival (CCAF) officially announced the 250 juried artists including 5 “Emerging Artists” for its 26th annual show. The artists were chosen in a blind-jury process from over 1,900 artist applications, making the CCAF one of, if not the most, competitive art shows in the nation. 26 artists are from the state of Colorado. The CCAF takes place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 2, 3, 4, 2016 and is located in Denver’s Cherry Creek North District.

The only artists annually exempt from the jury are the 12 award-winning artists and the annual commemorative poster artist from the previous festival. The artist jury changes annually and selects work based solely on artistic excellence of original, handcrafted work: 75 of the total 250 artists are first-time-ever CCAF exhibitors.

Contributing to the extremely competitive nature of the jury and the high levels of art excellence are actual artist sales (in excess of \$3.1 million for 2015) and consistently high national festival rankings. High sales are attributed to the event's setting in the heart of Denver's unique, beautiful and affluent district of Cherry Creek North, an educated art-buying audience of 350,000 annually, and a \$900,000+ multi-media marketing campaign. The visual artists' success and quality are core values and measurements of accomplishment for the Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

The Arts Festival features artists in 13 different media categories including: ceramics, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, printmaking, jewelry, metalworks, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

2016 exhibiting artists:

<http://cherrycreekartsfestival.org/exhibiting-artists/>

Downloadable exhibiting artist list:

<http://cherryarts.org/media/press-releases>

The jury consists of Sabin Aell (Denver CO), artist, designer and owner of Hinterland Gallery in the RiNo Arts District, Paveen “Beer” Chunhaswasdikul (Gadsden, AL) 2015 CCAF Artist Award Winner and full-time potter, Dolan Geiman (Denver, CO) 2015 CCAF Artist Award Winner and mixed media artist, Bruce Hoffman (Philadelphia, PA) Director of Gravers Lane Gallery and independent curator and artist, and Kendall Peterson (Denver, CO), Chief Creative Officer at CIG Denver, public arts and cultural program specialist.

CherryArts is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit art services organization whose mission is to provide access to a broad array of arts experiences and support arts education in Colorado. Along with the arts festival itself, CherryArts fulfills its year-round art education and outreach mission through programs including the Mobile Art Gallery, Artist in Residence programs and the Janus Student Art Buying Program.

CCAF has produced its signature cultural event for Colorado annually during the 4th of July weekend since 1991. The arts festival weekend is a world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary and performing arts, and enjoys an attendance of 350,000 visitors over the 3-day event. CCAF gives patrons the FREE, rare and special opportunity to meet and talk with international visual artists, sample fine cuisine, visit special exhibits and artist demonstrations, and entertain their families with interactive 'Artivities' and exciting performing arts.

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